

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Currently, claims 5, 10-12, and 19-23 are pending. By this Amendment claims 1-4, 6-9, 13-18 have been canceled, claims 5 and 10-12 have been amended, and claims 19-23 have been newly added.

Section 5 (page 3) of the Office Action indicated that claims 3-5, 9-12, 14 and 15 would be allowable if written in independent form. By this Amendment, claims 3, 4, 9, 14 and 15 have been written in independent form as new independent claims 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23, respectively. Applicant requests that the Examiner confirm this through his own independent examination. Claim 5 depends from now allowable claim 20, and claims 10-12 depend directly or indirectly from now allowable claim 21. All pending claims are thus allowable. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 provided in the Office Action is deemed moot.

If the Examiner has any questions or believes that an interview would further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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